

CHAP. 270.—An Act To amend the fourth proviso to section 24 of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended.

February 21, 1931.

[H. R. 9803.]

[Public, No. 712.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fourth proviso to section 24 of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Immigration Act of 1917, amended.
Vol. 39, p. 893; Vol. 45, p. 954, amended.
U. S. C. Supp. IV, p. 62.

“Provided further, That when inspectors or other employees of the Immigration Service and officers and employees of the Naturalization Bureau and Naturalization Service are ordered to perform duty in a foreign country, or transferred from one station to another, in the United States or in a foreign country, they shall be allowed their traveling expenses in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of Labor may deem advisable, and they may also be allowed, within the discretion and under written orders of the Secretary of Labor, the expenses incurred for the transfer of their wives and dependent minor children; their household effects and other personal property, not exceeding in all five thousand pounds, including the expenses for packing, crating, freight, and drayage thereof. The expense of transporting the remains of such officers, inspectors or other employees who die while in, or in transit to, a foreign country in the discharge of their official duties, to their former homes in this country for interment, and the ordinary and necessary expenses of such interment and preparation for shipment at their posts of duty or at home, are hereby authorized to be paid on the written order of the Secretary of Labor.

Traveling expenses on change of station, etc., allowed.

Expenses of transporting remains to be paid.

Approved, February 21, 1931.

CHAP. 271.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to authorize the cancellation, under certain conditions, of patents in fee simple to Indians for allotments held in trust by the United States.”

February 21, 1931.

[H. R. 15267.]

[Public, No. 713.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of February 26, 1927 (44 Stat. 1247), authorizing the Secretary of the Interior, under certain conditions, to cancel patents in fee for Indian allotments, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:

Indian allotments.
Cancellation of fee simple patents to.
Vol. 44, p. 1247.

“SEC. 2. Where patents in fee have been issued for Indian allotments, during the trust period, without application by or consent of the patentees, and such patentees or Indian heirs have sold a part of the land included in the patents, or have mortgaged the lands or any part thereof and such mortgages have been satisfied, such lands remaining undisposed of and without incumbrance by the patentees, or Indian heirs, may be given a trust patent status and the Secretary of the Interior is, on application of the allottee or his or her Indian heirs, hereby authorized, in his discretion, to cancel patents in fee so far as they cover such unsold lands not encumbered by mortgage, and to cause new trust patents to be issued therefor, to the allottees or their Indian heirs, of the form and legal effect as provided by the Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), and the amendments thereto, such patents to be effective from the date of the original trust patents, and the land shall be subject to any extensions of the trust made by Executive order on other allotments of members of the same tribe, and such lands shall have the same status as though such fee patents had never been issued: *Provided,* That this Act shall not apply where any such lands have been sold

Issue of trust patents, on unincumbered, etc., lands, authorized.

Effective date.

Proviso.
When not applicable.

for unpaid taxes assessed after the date of a mortgage or deed executed by the patentee or his heirs, or sold in execution of a judgment for debt incurred after date of such mortgage or deed, and the period of redemption has expired."

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[H. R. 15877.1]

[Public, No. 714.]

CHAP. 272.—An Act To authorize exchanges of land with owners of private-land holdings within the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Craters of the Moon
National Monument,
Idaho.

Acceptance of lands
in, authorized.

Description.

Proviso.
Lands offered in ex-
change.

Publication required.

Value ascertained.

Title.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to accept on behalf of the United States complete title to any or all of the following-described lands held in private ownership within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho: Southeast quarter southwest quarter, section 22; northeast quarter northwest quarter, southwest quarter northwest quarter, west half northeast quarter, section 27; northwest quarter northwest quarter section 26, township 2 north, range 24 east, Boise meridian, Idaho, and in exchange therefor may patent not to exceed an equal value of land to be selected from the following-described tracts of reserved public land, subject to any valid and existing entries under any law: Northwest quarter northwest quarter, section 2; northwest quarter northeast quarter, southeast quarter, northwest quarter southwest quarter, southeast quarter southwest quarter, section 3; northeast quarter northwest quarter section 9; northwest quarter, west half northeast quarter, section 10, township 1 north, range 23 east; and south half southwest quarter, west half southeast quarter, southeast quarter southeast quarter, section 26; northeast quarter, east half northwest quarter, south half southeast quarter, northeast quarter southeast quarter, north half southwest quarter, southwest quarter southwest quarter, section 35, township 2 north, range 23 east, Boise meridian, Idaho: *Provided*, That if lands sufficient to equal the value of the lands within the monument offered in exchange are not available within the area herein described, then in addition the Secretary may patent public land in the State of Idaho, surveyed and nonmineral in character, sufficient to equal such value. Before any exchange hereunder is effected notice of the contemplated exchange, reciting the lands selected, shall be published once each week for four successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the lands proposed to be selected are located.

SEC. 2. That the value of the lands within said monument offered for exchange, and the value of the lands of the United States to be selected therefor, shall be ascertained in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may direct; and the owners of such privately owned lands within said monument shall, before the exchange is effective, furnish the Secretary of the interior evidence satisfactory to him of title to the patented lands offered in exchange; and lands conveyed to the United States under this Act shall be and remain a part of the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Approved, February 21, 1931.